AND BOOKS

erters of Important and Interest ing New Publications. "Fur and Feather Tales," by Hamblen Sears (Harper & Brothers), we have a series of stories describing the pursuit of various game different parts of the world. "Henry's Birds," in this collection, is a story of Cape Cod duck shooting. Henry used live decoys, a rather slow and laborious sort of business, though distinctly interesting. Presumably Heary's educated ducks loved and respected him: it is the nature of many creatures to repeet and love their masters, and we do not often hear of an important duck rebellion. It here recorded that one of Henry's birds tried to desert and go over to the other side, represented by the wild ducks which it was wished to shoot, but in Henry's army there were sergeants and corporals charged and invested with disciplinary duties and powers, and one of these, curiously called "Aunty," headed off the eserter and pecked him back into the decoy fock. The thirty decoys owned by Henry may be said to have led a rather strenuous life. At 2 o'clock in the morning in a freezing temperature they would be taken out to Cliff Pond and there moored by the legs to a line which ran on a pulley and by means of which they were dragged back and forth and made to squawk in a most remarkable manner. Any wild ducks happening to be in the vicinity came invariably to learn what was the matter with Henry's ducks, whereupon the decay ducks would be hauled in to a place of safety and the others abot. An inept aportsman once it without demur, and if he boasted of his prowess afterward, not troubling himself to ine the circumstances very clearly, it may be that he was well within his right. Henry tempered for his guests the ardious business of duck shooting by a demestic hospitality which was very charming. His boiled dinners were entital, his wife and seven children most friendly, his stove as hot gan Care Cod stove should be in the month of January, and the flow of his home-made elderterry wine was conducted on a plan of the ut-must generously. Not everybody is likely to consider that elderberry wine in itself is exsetly the tipple to restore one who has arisen from three hours of sleep to be pinched by many hours of fieres New England cold; and this Henry knew. With a beautiful discern-ment, when he brought on his wine, he would pier out half a glass of it and fill up with Ja-New England rum as Medford itself, which a of course, the rudest and most satisfactory of all rums when it comes to the real question. I derberry wine, when covered with a suffielent layer of Jamaica rum, will warm up any duck shooter and Cape Cod takes on a soft and tropical air under such effectual ministrations. As for Henry's ducks, we suppose that they got none of the elderberry, and had to thaw out as best they could. We can only pity them. From Cape Cod and Henry's decoy ducks and fortified elderberry wine we jump away to France, where an imposing stag bunt awaits us. This is a perfectly p cturesque business, full of delight for all concerned except the stag, and a remarkable thing is that the whole of it-the journey from Paris, the meet, the pursuit and slaving of the stag, the sipping of he host's burgundy by the roaring fireside. the fascinating chat with the ladies over the restoring wine, the return to Paris, the bath. rest, and dinner at the club- accomplished in a single day. At P o'clock of an autumn morning the author appeared at the Lyons railway station in a pink coat. People stared at him, much to his embarrassment, but presently there arrived others in pink coats. and he felt supported and relieved. A great gong clauged, the guard cried "All aboard!"in French, of course-and the train glided forth into the country among the whitest reads and the straightest trees in the world. The Marquis de Brammont, a gentleman of the old school, welcomed his guests at his ancient lodge on the edge of the forest. Fifteen couples of hounds sat on a beach waiting for their soup. They were French hounds, and they watched the preparation of the soup with great interest. Two men prepared it in an ample trough. It consisted of barley bread and water, with a flavoring of vegetables. Mr. Zola, in his story of the war with Germany, illustrates repeatedly the need that the French soldier has of his soup. He gives to the article of soup in that strong tale of realism a great and often a pathetic impo tance. English people expend perhaps their tenderest pity upon those of their sold ers who. in the exigencies of some strenuous campaign, are unfortunate enough to be without tobacco

down to dinner by 9 o'clock. These are two of the stories in Mr. Sears's ok, and there are others having to do with the hunting of moose in the Maine woods, with a reindeer hunt in Norway, and with bird shooting on Robins Island, which is a piece broken off of Long Island expressly for the accommodation of people with shotguns. The stories are agreeably told, and Messrs. Frost,

This, however, is no more than a habit of

pity, and it cannot be questioned that sour

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cumstances. The thirty handsome stagbounds

n this account watched the soup with glitter-

ne eyes and restless talls, and when the word

was given they sprang to the repast and dis-

posed of it with an eagerness and celerity which left no doubt that soup was a grateful

refection for them. Later they were set upon

the scent of the stag and in due time they had

him down, so that it was ventson after soup:

and the ladies and gentlemen having enjoyed

a fine ride sipped their Burgundy and gos-sipped pleasurably by the lodge fire and, as

said, those of the guests who had come out for

the day only were back in Paris and sitting

Tavernier and Jaccaci have illustrated them handsomely. There can sure'r be no lover of good literature who does not take delight in a well writ-ten book on Angling: a treatise on that exquisite art that is at once a school of philosophy and a whole system of education, and the chosen recreation of the contemplative man. so, doubtless, all good anglers who have in fancy stretched their legs with Izaak Wulton in that walk up Tottenham Hill from which the honest old linen draper brought back such immertal copy, will find something to please them in Dr. Henry Van Dyke's rambling chapters in "Fisherman's Luck." (Scribner's.) Like all practitioners in that gentle craft to which he devotes himself, when not interruped by less important concerns the Bostor has a keen eye for the beauties of nature and he writes pleasantly of all the varied wreets of the measlow and the wildwood, and all the sights and sounds that minister to the delight of the philosophic and observant fisherman. It is the privilege of the essayiet to amble decorously through his pages of print indifferent to anything that might undus haste, and Doctor Van Dyke very properly avails himself of his privleges. The spectacle of two fat gentlemen ing we emply moves him to dignified and lichee. "Look," he says, "at those two venerable goutlemen floating in a skiff upon the cenr waters of Lake George. One of them is a successful statesman, an ex-President of the United States, a lawyerversed in all the curious ecconthe lawless science of the law the other is a learned doctor of medicine, able togice a name to all diseases from which mer have imagined that they suffered, and to invent the ones for those who are tired of vulgar malaries. But all their learning is forgotten. their cares and controversies are laid uside in Squar desuctude. The Summer School oney is assembled. The Medical Congress is in session. But they care not-no, not

so much as the value of a single live balt. The

sun shines upon them with a fervent heat, but

it irks them not. The rain descends and the

winds blow and beat upon them, but they

are unmoved. They are securely an-shored here in the ice of Sabbath

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